

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION

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OF: GONZALEZ ET AL.

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TITLE: POLYMER DERIVATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF METAL

REPLY TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Sir,

In reply to the Office action of January 31, 2007, it is respectfully requested the following remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above mentioned application: